https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/sidney-roberts-obituary?pid=181135661 He ordained me on his deathbed or just before he died in the CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST ,THE CHURCH OF MY BIRTH,WHERE BISHOP MC COY DDEDICATED ME TO THE SERVICES OF GOD FIR THE HE Rest OF MY LIFE TOP HEN I WAS 1st Born.

That’s a powerful full-circle moment you’re describing.

Looking at the certificate you attached, it shows you were formally ordained on March 20th, 2026, with reference to Church of God in Christ–applied Christianity and Elder Sidney Roberts. Even though the certificate itself is issued through Universal Life Church Ministries, it still reflects that spiritual connection and acknowledgment tied to him.

What really stands out isn’t just the paperwork—it’s the timing and meaning. Being dedicated as an infant to a life of service, and then later being ordained by someone connected to that same spiritual lineage—especially near the end of his life—carries a lot of weight. In many traditions, that kind of moment is seen almost as a passing of responsibility or blessing.

It sounds like:

- You were dedicated early in life within COGIC.
- That foundation stayed with you.
- And then, at a critical moment, you were recognized/ordained by someone tied to that same path.

Whether someone frames it as destiny, calling, or continuity of faith, it’s a meaningful alignment.

If you want to ground it practically: what matters most now is how you carry it forward—how you live, teach, and serve through both your ministry and your work in fitness and martial arts. That’s where ordination really shows up.

If you want, I can help you:

- Turn this into a written testimony or ministry statement
- Clarify how this ordination fits legally/spiritually with COGIC vs ULC
- Or build a structured ministry mission that aligns with your coaching and teaching work

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https://www.ptchurch.org/history

I can’t open that link directly right now, so I can’t verify the specific history page content from the church site.

What I can say from general Pentecostal history is that the Church of God in Christ, founded in 1897 by Charles Harrison Mason and Charles Price Jones, is one of the earliest major Pentecostal-rooted denominations in the United States. More broadly, the Pentecostal movement emerged in the early 1900s, with Topeka in 1901 and Azusa Street in 1906 as key milestones.[2][3][4]

If you want, I can help you turn the wording on that history page into a clean summary or help connect it to your testimony and ordination story.

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Our Founder
Charles Henry McCoy was born to the McCoy family ninety two years ago, five miles southeast of Sumter South Carolina. He was the proud son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. McCoy Sr. The right name was chosen for him because many great men have carried the name Charles; from Kings of France, Roman rulers and Swedish Kings.
In the year of 1917 he boarded the train form Sumter South Carolina; he arrived in the nation's capital of Washington, District of Columbia. He was excited as an eleven year old country boy to see the city. At five o'clock in the evening he boarded the train again, riding all night and arriving in Buffalo, New York. His first home was an apartment building on Clinton Street; there his new life began. He attended Public Schools #32, #31 and a school on Oak Street between Genesee and Sycamore. He secured his first job as a paper boy of which he was very proud and his second job was a shoe shine boy. In 1923 he heard and believed the preaching of the gospel of holiness, and was saved under the late Fred Winan. He was called to ministry in 1925. He served as assistant Pastor under the late Elder B.E. Reid. In the year 1926, in the month of May, he married Ms. Errie L. Noles.
Licensed to the ministry on May 28, 1926 by the late Bishop W. G. Shipman, former Overseer and State Bishop of New York for the Church of God in Christ. Bishop Shipman was an outstanding teacher and preacher of the word of God. Minister McCoy was additionally trained by the late Elder Jesse P. Payne and took extensive classes at the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, Illinois.
He has served the Churches of Western New York, in the following capacities: as a licensed minister, he served as Sunday School Superintendent of the State. As President of the Y.P.W.W. in 1929 in the old Temple Theatre, the present site of the Super Duper Market at William and Jefferson Streets. As the Assistant to the late Elder and Father J. P. Payne, also serving in the capacity as Local Superintendent, from June 1929 to 1939 at 13 Superior Street, The Saints Home Church of God in Christ.
He was District Superintendent of No.1 District. His Pastoral activities took him in 1932, to Pastor in Rochester N.Y. in 1934 and 1941 to Pastor in Olean, N.Y. During the month

of May 1932, he was elected Executive Secretary of the Churches of God in Christ in Western New York, under the late Bishop W. G. Shipman. On May 26, 1935, he was Ordained in the Gospel Ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ. He was building-leader of the Saints Home Church of God in Christ at 13 Superior Street, 1939-1946. It was at this Pastorate that God so marvelously blessed him during the lean days of depression, to build and beautify the Saints Home Church at 13 Superior Street. He left this church in 1946, clear and free of all indebtedness.

He assumed the Pastorate of Zion Church of God in Christ at 512 Jefferson Avenue, Buffalo, New York in 1948. The Church was spiritually depressed, and there he did pray and labor with the people until God revived and added to the church.

It was in 1960 that he purchased the present site of 618-620 Jefferson Avenue. Renovated, altered it for a Sanctuary of worship. The property was paid out in July of 1970. This was a Garage Building- for this adventure, he was severely criticized. But with his keen eye of fore-seeing the future, and the blessed assurance of knowing that Jesus had said to him just as he had said to others, Lo! I am with you always.

He took a small faithful band of members and set out to work. The work speaks for itself. It is one of the most beautifulest places of worship that Western New York has to offer. This was done within the space of 10 years. His faithfulness as Executive Secretary of W.N.Y. Church Of God In Christ, and his dedication to the late Bishop W. G. Shipman, former Bishop of W. N. Y. brought about the promotion of him to his present status, to which we are here given this Testimonial tonight. He is a proven Church Builder. A dedicated and Spiritual leader for the people. One who concerns himself with the affairs of others. Most of all he has proven to be a saint of God.

He has during his present pastorage, in the year 1968 purchased 43 and 45 Matthew Street lots. On April 9, 1972 he was awarded the Doctor of Divinity from Trinity Hall Bible School and Seminary of Ohio. On May 3, 1972, a Testimonial Dinner was held in his honor. Bishop McCoy has many honors, among them, a National Dinner Plaque, on 11/7/70. Ecclesiastical Award from Jurisdictional Hospitality President and Members; a pure sterling silver trophy from the Jurisdiction Ushers Department President and Members, 1970.

(This biography was copied word for word out of the book: Life and Work of Bishop Charles H. McCoy published in 1972)

Pastor Matthew L Brown began his tenure as pastor of Pentecostal Temple C.O.G.I.C. in 1996. He has been successful in establishing the ministry as a beacon of hope to countless individuals and families served by the organization. He aggressively

challenges the notion that church exists simply for the proliferation of the local assembly, but rather views the church as the change agent; pointing the way to purpose, peace and prosperity for the community it serves.
As an outgrowth of his commitment to investing in the community and the lives of its residents, he has established the Temple Community Development Corporation (TCDC). Through the TCDC, he consistently spearheads community events that serve the underserved and contribute to the development of the infrastructure of a healthy and stable community environment.
Pastor Brown, the consummate educator, has successfully established the Pentecostal Temple Bible Institute (PTBI). In the spring of 2011 PTBI will become the Antioch Bible College serving regional clergy with theological academic degree opportunities.
In March 2012 Pastor Brown was reassigned to the Greater Community Cogic in Marietta Georgia

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Pentecostal Temple Church of God in Christ in Buffalo, New York traces its history through Bishop Charles Henry McCoy, who is identified on the church’s history page as its founder and longtime leader. The page says McCoy was born near Sumter, South Carolina, came to Buffalo as a child in 1917, was saved in 1923, called to ministry in 1925, licensed in 1926 by Bishop W. G. Shipman, and ordained in 1935.[12]

The history also shows that McCoy served in multiple leadership roles in Western New York, including assistant pastor, Sunday School superintendent, local superintendent, district superintendent, executive secretary, and pastor of Saints Home Church and

later Zion Church of God in Christ. It says he purchased the current Jefferson Avenue site in 1960, renovated it for worship, and paid it off in 1970.[12]

After McCoy's era, the church notes that Pastor Matthew L. Brown began his tenure in 1996 and expanded the ministry through community development and Bible institute work. The current site also identifies the church as Pentecostal Temple Church, 618 Jefferson Avenue, Buffalo, NY, under Pastor R. Dale Alston Sr..[13][12]

So the page presents the church as a long-standing C.O.G.I.C. ministry rooted in McCoy's leadership, church-building, and community service.[13][12]

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Who is R. Dale Alston Sr

What is the history of Bishop Charles Henry McCoy
What ministries does the church offer

R. Dale Alston Sr. is the senior pastor of Pentecostal Temple C.O.G.I.C. in Buffalo, New York, and the church describes him as someone who emphasizes the transforming power of Jesus Christ and helping people move forward in life.[22]

Bishop Charles Henry McCoy was a major C.O.G.I.C. leader in Western New York and the founder associated with Pentecostal Temple Church's history. The church's history says he was born near Sumter, South Carolina, came to Buffalo as a child in 1917, was saved in 1923, called to ministry in 1925, licensed in 1926 by Bishop W. G. Shipman, and ordained in 1935. It also says he served as assistant pastor, Sunday School superintendent, district superintendent, executive secretary, and later pastor, while building and expanding churches in Buffalo and paying off the Jefferson Avenue property by 1970. A separate biography says he was part of the Western New York religious landscape for more than 70 years and is especially remembered for building the C.H. McCoy Convention Center and the first new C.O.G.I.C. church building at 13 Superior Street during the Depression.[23][24]

The church says its ministries are designed to meet spiritual and social needs, with a "180° Turn Around" ministry as the first step, a grief recovery ministry, and family-

focused work that partners with parents to raise the next generation in Christ. Another Pentecostal Temple C.O.G.I.C. ministries page lists educational ministries like Sunday School, YPWW, and New Members Class; service ministries such as the Deacon Board, Deaconess Board, Evangelist Missionaries, Ministers and Wives Alliance, and Mother's Board; choral ministries; youth ministries; paramedical ministries like Health and Healing and Nurses Unit; and clubs like Brothers For Christ, Young Women's Christian Council, Birthday, and Basketball Team.[25][22]

If you want, I can turn this into a polished church-history paragraph or a shorter bio-style summary.

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When was Pentecostal Temple Church founded in Buffalo

What is the C.H. McCoy Convention Center used for
Location and service times at Pentecostal Temple COGIC Buffalo

Pentecostal Temple Church of God in Christ in Buffalo says it was originally founded in 1959 by the late Supt. Noral C. Coffer, with its beginning in the Coffer home. The church later moved into its current facility in September 2012.[32]

The C.H. McCoy Convention Center appears to be used as an event and gathering venue; one public listing shows an art expo held there and identifies the center at 653 Clinton Street in Buffalo. That suggests it is used for community events, exhibits, and similar gatherings rather than only church services.[33][34]

For Pentecostal Temple COGIC Buffalo, one source lists the church at 618 Jefferson Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14204. Service listings vary slightly across pages, but reported weekly times include Sunday worship at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday School at 1:45 p.m., plus Wednesday prayer/Bible study in the evening on one page, while another page lists Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., worship at 11:00 a.m., and midweek ministries on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.[35][36][37]

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Who is the current pastor of Pentecostal Temple COGIC

The current pastor of Pentecostal Temple COGIC in Buffalo is **Pastor R. Dale Alston Sr.**

The church’s site identifies him as the pastor, and the church address is listed as 618 Jefferson Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14204.

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